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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (INVESTIGATION & SECURITY)
CHIEF OF MEDICAL STAFF

SUBJECT: Experiments on Interrogation Techniques

1. I have discussed with Mr. Dulles the proposed experiments to be conducted within the Agency on various interrogation techniques under the overall direction of O'DI. I explained to Mr. Dulles that the Medical Staff and TBS would backstop these experiments but that before doing so the approval of the Director or Deputy Director had been requested.
2. Mr. Dulles agreed that these experiments should go ahead on a laboratory basis under medical and security controls which would insure that no damage was done to the individuals who volunteer for the experiments.
3. This memorandum will serve as your authority to proceed with O'DI and TBS in the carrying out of these experiments. It is the understanding of this office that TBS will actually run the experiments and that O'DI will provide supervision, advice, and particular qualified personnel.